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8c Rotary Voted Best Design


New Watermark On Colonial Sets

Collectors of British Commonwealth stamps will have to make regular use of their watermark detectors following an announcement by the Crown Agents of their decision "to change the watermark in use in Crown Agents' stamp paper."



Current

The current watermark has the Tudor Crown above script "CA". The proposed new one will have the St. Edward's Crown over the "CA" in block capitals.



Coming

It is proposed to bring the revised watermark into force with new issues of stamps. Individual announcements will be made regarding each new issue concerned. It is not intended that the watermark be changed in new printings of stamps already in existence with the current one.

Japan's Judo Stamp Coming May 3

Tokyo, Japan will be the scene of the World Judo Championship contests beginning May 3. To memorialize the event Japan will issue, on May 3, a 10 yen commemorative which pictures two men engaged in the sport.



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Four More Malta Definitives Out

Four additional denominations were released February 9 in the new definitive series for Malta. They are a 1d black picturing the Victory Church; 1½d green, War Memorial; 2d brown, Mosta Dome; 6d gray, Neolithic Temples at Tarxien.

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Atoms For Peace Second, Soo Locks Third; Ticonderoga Is Worst; Mellon Least Wanted

With a record number of votes the Eighth Annual Design Derby has once again determined the likes and dislikes of stamp collectors as they concern the issues of the United States. And of great importance is the fact that they have indicated by an overwhelming "Yes" that they are in favor of United States stamps in sets at regular intervals. In all a total of 18,857 votes were cast in the Eighth Derby — a new high by some 1100 — to decide which of the 1955 postage labels were the "Best Design", "Worst Design", and "Least Necessary". A tabulation of the results follows —

EIGHTH ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY RESULTS		
Votes Best Design	% of Votes Worst Design	% of Votes Least Necessary
Rotary 4065	Ticonderoga 29.0	Mellon 27.2
Peace Atoms 3731	Colleges 21.2	Stone Face 13.6
Soo Locks 2609	Art Academy 13.4	Art Academy 13.5
Stone Face 1913	Armed Forces 13.3	Colleges 10.0
Ticonderoga 1827	Stone Face 5.5	Armed Forces 7.3
Certified Mail 1194	Soo Locks 5.0	Cert. Mail 7.2
Armed Forces 776	Anthony 50c	Franklin ½c 6.3
Art Academy 764	Mellon	Rotary
Lee 30c 609	Cert. Mail	Ticonderoga
Mellon 378	Henry \$1	Marshall 40c
Colleges 287	Peace Atoms	Soo Locks
Franklin ½c 228	Rotary 12.6	Peace Atoms 14.9
Roosevelt c 177	Franklin ½c	Henry \$1
Henry \$1 143	Roosevelt 6c	Anthony 50c
Marshall 40c 101	Lee 30c	Lee 30c
Anthony 50c 56	Marshall 40c	Roosevelt 6c
18,857	100.0	100.0

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Yes 88% No 12%

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What Denominations?
2c, 3c, 6c, 8c—39% 1c to 5c—16% 1c to 10c—29% Other—16%

Chosen as the Best Design was the commemorative for the 50th Anniversary of Rotary International. It was the odd value of the 1955 lot being an 8-center, for the foreign first class rate, where the balance were threes. The Rotary was designed by one of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's foremost artists, Charles R. Chickering. Engraving of the vignette was the work of Richard M. Bower, while the lettering and numerals were done by George L. Huber. The first day of issue was at Chicago, Ill. on February 23.

In second place, and not too far behind the winner, is the Atoms For Peace. A propaganda stamp, this one was issued in conjunction with President Eisenhower's appeal to all nations to divert atomic research to peaceful applications instead of destruction.

The third place Soo Locks design caught a lot of public criticism of an adverse nature because of the position of the five Great Lakes shown thereon. Other than

this incorrect presentation of a geographic reality the public liked what they saw.

Also getting sizeable attention were the fourth place Stone Face, the highly controversial Ticonderoga in fifth and the sixth place Certified Mail. The Ticonderoga was either liked or thoroughly disliked and it would appear that the latter held dominance inasmuch as it was emphatically voted as the Worst Design of 1955.

The Stone Face on the other hand, while granted to be a good looking stamp by the balloting, was considered most unnecessary, it winding up in second place in the Least Necessary to be issued category.

Surprisingly, the 30c Lee of the Liberty Series of regulars was chosen as the best of those Liberties released last year. It was indicated as a better one than two commemoratives, the Mellon and Land Grant Colleges. Other than this Lee, voters paid small attention to the other regulars.

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Stamps Of New South Wales And Non-Australian Pacific Island Group Postal Service

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(Editors Note: The following is the third instalment of the "Postage Stamps of New South Wales and Postal Services in the Pacific". The first was on page one of the November 7, 1955 edition; the second on page one of the January 16, 1956. This third section deals with the issues of New Hebrides).

NEW HEBRIDES

In the earlier days of white settlement in the New Hebrides, from the middle eighteenth forties to the eighties, there was no organized mail communication between residents and the outside world. Letters were carried, as opportunity offered, by passing ships of various nationalities, and a large proportion of these letters passed through the Sydney Post Office.

Britain and France had by a pact of 1878 agreed to respect the independence of the New Hebrides. This agreement was followed by others and led eventually to the establishment in 1907 of the Anglo-French Condominium. However, during the first period of combined British and French interest in the New Hebrides there was no vestige of a local administration, least of all a mail service, so that residents had adopted the practice, prevalent elsewhere in the Pacific, of having on hand stamps suitable for franking their letters when lodged at an appropriate post office.

Up to approximately 1890, the stamps generally used were those of New South Wales but later, more particularly after 1903, when two official New Caledonian postal agencies were established in the group, the stamps of both New South Wales and New Caledonia were employed, not only for the franking of letters abroad but also for inter-island mail.

It is of interest to note that at this time New Caledonia did not recognize New South Wales stamps as valid when affixed to letters from the New Hebrides passed directly into the Noumea post office for further transmission. However, while both types of stamps had gained recognition for general postal purposes within the group it was necessary that letters bearing them be sent, as appropriate, either to Sydney or Noumea.

At a later date, after the establishment of the Condominium administration, and before the issue of Condominium stamps, they were to become officially recognized as valid for postage in New Hebrides and beyond.

The development of the usage of New South Wales stamps was due to a great extent to the establishment in 1888 of subsidized steamer services running to a fixed timetable between Sydney and various points in the New Hebrides, and to the subsequent institution of a subsidized inter-island service. These services facilitated the transport of mails and, as a result, most mail to and from the New Hebrides passed through the Sydney Post Office although a proportion, carried on French subsidized vessels, passed through Noumea on direct routes to Europe.

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exchange of mail between Australian subsidized vessels was, until 1892, on the island of Aneityum where a A. D. Martin was manager of a sawmill. Martin had been there for several years and looked after the transfer of mails and, although his position was entirely unofficial, he also had a supply of New South Wales stamps available.

His position had become more regular in October 1889, when the New South Wales Post Office supplied him with stamps on a discount basis and, more or less, accepted him as the responsible mailman. Martin was not provided with a postmark to cancel stamps on letters. The usual practice of the day, and indicated in official instructions, was that stamps should be marked with a cross in ink but no indication of the place of posting or the date was to be written thereon.

New South Wales stamps were also carried on the A.U.S.N. Co. ship "Croydon" which, it is thought, was the first vessel employed on the subsidized inter-island service, and letters received on this vessel were also pen-cancelled without date or place of origin indicated.

Martin was officially appointed Postal Agent of the New South Wales Post Office as from August 1, 1891, so that from this date an official New South Wales Postal Agency functioned in the New Hebrides. Martin retained the position for only a short time as in 1892 the mail routes were varied and exchange of mail made at Vila on Efate instead of Aneityum.

Martin's appointment was terminated and a W. Le Couteur, representative of the Australian United Steam Navigation Co. at Vila, was appointed Postal Agent from July 1, 1892. He was officially supplied with a postmark later in the same year—it was sent from Sydney on August 8, 1892—and from this time it became practicable to identify New South Wales stamps used in the New Hebrides by the type of postmark.

This was 23mm diameter, inscribed "NEW HEBRIDES" around the circumference at the top and "VILA" below.

Due to the cessation of subsidies at the end of 1892, the A.U.S.N. Co. withdrew its steamer from the run and Mr. Le Couteur resigned his appointment as from March 10, 1893, and returned to Sydney. Thereafter, the responsibility for handling mails devolved upon the local manager of the Australasian New Hebrides Co. which had a small trading depot at Vila.

No immediate action was taken to appoint another Postal Agent although the Company continued to sell, as a matter of convenience, New South Wales stamps. Subsequently, early in 1894, the Company was appointed Postal Agent and granted an amount of £50 per annum for carrying out all postal duties.

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Two IFPEX Cachets For April Exhibition

Two cachets are now available for the coming Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs annual convention and exhibition in Canton, Ill. April 7, and 8.
One, printed in green, will show the first Court House in Fulton County and the famed Spoon River Valley made famous by Edgar Lee Masters "Spoon River Anthology".
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Visitors are always welcome to the meetings on the second Thursday and fourth Friday of the month at the American Legion Bldg. at 8 p.m.

Connecticut Society To Meet In Hartford

The Connecticut Philatelic Society will hold its March meeting at the Hartford Courant Auditorium, Broad St., Hartford, Conn. on Sunday March 18, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.
There will be a speaker, an auction, door prizes, bourse tables and refreshments. The Offices of the Society are sponsoring this meeting; all stamp collectors are cordially invited.

Hopkinson Memorial Award To Hopper

President Sol Glass of the Bureau Issues Assn. has announced the winner of the Walter W. Hopkinson Memorial Award for 1955 (a cash award of \$100) was won by Walter E. Hopper of Tulsa, Okla. for his series of articles on

Electric Eye Types, published in the "Bureau Specialist," last year.
The special jury appointed to make the selection was unanimous in naming Mr. Hopper as the winner. They were Winthrop S. Boggs chairman, Herbert J. Bloch and Henry M. Goodkind.
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Precancel Session At Coffeyville, Kansas

There will be a big day for precancel collectors when on May 19 and 20 the Kansas Society will stage a Southeast Area Gabfest and Meeting in the Colonial Room of the Dale Hotel in Coffeyville, Kans.
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Do you remember how collectors all over the world howled and squawked over the methods used by several European Exhibitions, whereby one had to buy a ticket to the exhibition in order to be able to buy one of the souvenir sheets that was issued to honor the exhibition.



GEORGE W. LINN

We believe something along this line happened with the big exhibitions in Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and other countries.

Stamp publications here in America as abroad raised their voices against such methods. There was even suggestions that stamps issued under such conditions should not be recognized or catalogued. This is a fact. You may have forgotten it already, but if you want to take the trouble to verify these statements you will find them true.

Now the shoe is pinching our feet. FIPEX is planning along the same lines, in fact FIPEX is going to soak some of the boys good and hard if they want to go to the FIPEX Post Office and obtain first day covers of the four items that are to be issued for the show with the exhibition station cancellation. You will have to attend the show on four specified dates and you will have to pay an admission fee on those four dates in order to get such first day covers. This will be objected to by that large group

in the New York area who are close enough to attend the show or go to a post office and buy their own stamps for their first day covers.

Since American collectors and dealers as well as the American Philatelic Press condemned a situation of this nature when it arose at various European shows, would it not be proper that steps be taken to eliminate this fault. It can be done very easily. A booth can be set up in the lobby of the Coliseum where the stamps and sheets can be purchased without necessity of paying an admission.

Covers could be left there for the FIPEX station cancel.

We believe this would be the fair thing to do. It would make it certain, that the show could not be accused of any high pressure sales plan.

This situation however only affects the collector in the immediate vicinity, the fellow who wants the First Day Covers and likes to obtain them for himself. For collectors who are not in the vicinity, who want the unusual as well as the FIPEX postmark, facilities should be provided.

The Department will place all of these items on First Day Sale at the General Post Office in New York at the same time they are placed on sale at the Exhibition. This eliminates any stigma that might be cast on these issues. One thing collectors can be assured of, there will be plenty of them for everyone in the world who wants copies. These items can also be ordered from the Philatelic Agency in Washington.

Back in 1933 when the Chicago Souvenir Sheets were placed on sale during the convention of the American Philatelic Society, there was almost a riot in the lobby of the Medinah Club where the sheets were being sold. The post office was located on one of the upper floors and the elevator facilities were so inadequate that few people could get to the window or even on the floor where the stamps were being sold. As a result, there was a line of people a city block long outside the club, trying to get into it and on the elevator to buy sheets. At the same time a bunch of Chicago opportunists and sharpshooters who had been able to get a supply were out on the street hawking them to people in the line at a premium over face value.

It was at this point that I personally spoke to Mr. Eichelberger and told him that the sheets should be put on sale at the main post office or there would be a riot in the lobby of the Club. Shortly thereafter it was announced to those in line that a window at the main post office had the sheets on sale and that settled the problem.

There will no doubt be an adequate number of windows for the sale of stamps in the show and also, we believe, at the main post office.

A New Discovery - - It's A Bird!


In the adjoining column we illustrate what I believe to be an absolutely new find or discovery in the field of Fancy Cancels. This comes on a 3c 1861 and from a small town in Ohio, listed at that time as Shaucks, Ohio and at that time in Morrow County.

I have tried to learn something about this town and the first record of it I find in an 1831 edition of a U. S. Postal Guide. In this 1831 edition, Shaucks is listed as being in Richland County. At that time the largest town of today that was listed in the same county is Mansfield, Ohio. I also noted that in the 1831 Postal Guide there are only seventy two counties listed as in Ohio. Today we know that Ohio is made up of eighty-eight counties. Thus we can see that sixteen new ones were added somewhere along the line. It is evident that at least Richland County was split into two or more for there was no Morrow county in 1831 but there was a Shaucks. Shaucks in 1861 was in Morrow, thus we know the split was made sometime prior to 1861.

Examination of a current Postal Guide gives Shauck, Ohio, rather than Shaucks, singular rather than plural and locates the town in Morrow county. So much for that part of it, now for the cancel. There are quite a number of unusual and attractive cancels from Ohio towns in this period. This bird, I believe is the most perfect and best Bird Cancel that has ever been found. The correspondence on which it was found came from Shaucks, Ohio or rather to Shaucks, Ohio. It would be a natural thing for a cancel from a town to appear on a cover from a town, but this cancel appears on a cover that came to Shaucks. It is an interesting find and is easily explained.

The cover is a letter from New York City, addressed to J. J. Cover & Co., Shaucks, Morrow County, Ohio. Note that the stamp is placed in the left corner of the envelope, rather than in the right corner where it should have been placed. Note therefore the New York cancel in the corner where the stamp should have been. While I have no information that anything like a cancelling machine was in use in New York in this period I am of the opinion that such was the case. I believe this because the cancellation is where the stamp should have been and the cancellation also shows a slight strike at the far left edge of the cover. This is indicative of a machine cancel both because of the extra trace of the strike at the left also because it struck the first cancel where the stamp should have been. If this had been a hand cancel job, the prospects are that the clerk would have noticed the stamp in the wrong corner and would have struck the cover again.

Thus after this cover was canceled it must have gone to Shaucks, Ohio and the postmaster there must have struck it with the beautiful bird that you can easily see. The only thing wrong with this theory is that the bird may have been placed on the cover at some other office than Shaucks, but this is hardly likely as the way mail is handled, it is most probable that it was canceled with the bird at Shaucks. I wonder if there exists a duplicate of this Bird. It is certainly the finest we have ever seen.



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January Collectors Club Philatelist

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The first article, by Eugene V. Connett 3rd, on American Colonial Postal markings, brings some newly-reported material, both very early and during the Revolution, into its proper relation to the entire history involved. The study of postal service in towns occupied by the British, 1776 to 1783, is a useful addition to our knowledge.

The article immediately following, on the "Dot Varieties" of the 1923-29 Scadta Air Mails of Colombia, by Jacob S. Glaser, puts, what has before now been a puzzling situation, into order, simply by reporting what information large quantities of material yielded.

Club president Wickersham continues his series of articles on Venezuela with one on the "Contrasena" surcharged issues of

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"The patient in this room is getting better. He's stopped looking his stamp collection over and now he's looking me over!"

1873 to 1876, a group that seems to have puzzled collectors for many years. The number ends with a story of the sale of the Caspary Postmaster Provisionals collection.

1956 STAMP PROGRAM

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April 5—Washington 3c, Booker Washington Birthplace, Va. (50 per pane).
April 28—11c FIPEX Souvenir Sheet, New York, N. Y.
April 30—3c FIPEX, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane)
May 2—6c FIPEX Airmail Envelope, (cost 7c each) New York, N. Y.
May 4—2c FIPEX Postal Card, New York, N. Y.

ALREADY ISSUED

1032—Mount Vernon 1/2c, Mt. Vernon, Va., February 22.
1038 — Woodrow Wilson 7c, Staunton, Va., January 10.
1073—Ben Franklin 3c, Philadelphia, Pa. January 17.

CANADA

April 12—4c and 5c Wildlife, FDC's to Postmaster, Ottawa, Canada. Include 5c plus stamp costs per cover service charge.

UNITED NATIONS

April 6—World Health Organization, 3c and 8c.
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I presume that you have read
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sign Derby before getting this far
back in the paper. If not it might
be a good idea if you do since the
comments here will be tied in
directly with that page one story.

My sincere thanks to all of you
who took the necessary few min-
utes and the cost of a postal card
or stamp to mail in your marked
ballot. This fine cooperation is
greatly appreciated—without it the
Derby just wouldn't be the au-
thoritative expression of opinion
that it has become.

Thanks especially to those in-
dividuals who conducted the vot-
ing in the stamp clubs around the
country and then saw to it that
the ballots got here. We had more
stamp clubs participate than ever
before—the societies find that it
is a lively evening's program es-
pecially when there will be a
prize or so to the member(s)
coming closest to the national re-
sults.

The job of counting got way be-
yond the limits of the time I have.
This year six girls of our office
staff were turned loose on the
stack. Its' all done for another
year—and we're not complaining
in the least!

1. Which stamp was considered
the best in the 7th Derby last
year?
2. Which stamp was considered
the worst design last year?

Something which might furrow a
few foreheads is the way the
Ticonderoga was regarded. You
will note where voters selected the
Best Design, this commem came
in fifth, not too far back of the
fourth place Stone Face. That is
quite a respectable showing in any
Derby.

Now if you will check "Worst
Design" results, you will see that
the Ticonderoga was considered
the poorest of all United States
designs in 1956 by a whopping per-
centage.

It had an unusual form of art
indeed, one which seemed to invite
staunch support or definite con-
demnation. The color was good,
the engraving a fine piece of work,
but the picture itself was an en-
tirely new approach on our com-
mems. I thought it was fairly de-
cent; certainly not the worst of
last year's sixteen.

Expected to be in the "Worst
Design" upper bracket were the
other five stamps of the first six.
The Land Grant Colleges was
hooted by the philatelic as well as
the lay press, an adverse criti-
cism which was also directed
against the Soo Locks.

The Art Academy, the third
Worst Design, just didn't sit well
with the public on any score for
the stamp was considered to have
had a poor excuse for release
winding up a strong third in the
"Least Necessary" category. The
Armed Forces was just out and
out amateurism at its worst, and
the public cast their ballots that
way for its design.

The Stone Face was considered
the fifth worst design on the
"Worst" side of the ballot, but in
the choosing of a "Best Design"
it came in fourth. It could be that
the feeling it was a highly unne-
cessary issue reflected itself in re-
sultment of the design. It was
chosen as the second Least Nec-

essary of the sixteen of '56. The
fact that the Andrew Mellon was
selected as the "Least Necessary"
of all last year's emissions should
surprise no one. It, like the East-
man of 1955, lost a lot of possible
approval by the manner in which
it was foisted on the public.

The Land Grant Colleges, the
Armed Forces, the Certified Mail
and the Franklin 1/2c were other
issues which voters saw little rea-
son for coming into being. The
other nine not mentioned can be
assumed to have the blessings of
the philatelic public.

Probably most of you have noted
it by now—the fact that the top
three are all in that deep shade of
blue which was suggested to the
POD many times by this column
in place of that milky, washed out
variety.

In my opinion the big news of
this 8th Annual Derby is the over-
whelming majority who voted
"YES" in favor of having at least
one set of stamps every year. 88%
of all who voted stated that they
did want sets.

If no other idea gets across to
the Post Office Department, I sin-
cerely hope that this one does—
but good. For a long time various
writers and collectors have sug-
gested to the Department that we
have a set every now and again.
I believe the POD officials have
been reluctant to do this since
they did not know the exact feeling
of collectors on the question.

Not only has the Derby deter-
mined this feeling, and showed
that there is more than a 7 to 1
desire for sets, but it has also
found out how stamp fans want
them.

59.6% said they'd like to have
a set once a year—31% would like
to have sets twice a year—9.4%
said once every two years would
be often enough. It would there-
fore seem that if the Department
issued a set once a year, 90.6% of
the collectors would be happy.

What the set should consist of
is as follows—49% say they'd
like to have sets of five values;
31.4% would like to have sets of
three; 14.7% say ten or more;
4.9% would go along with up to
eight stamps in a set.

How about denominations? This
matter was also nailed down with
statistics.

39% of the voters would be
pleased to have sets with the four
practical values of today's postal
rates, the 2c, 3c, 6c, and 8c; 29%
would like to have sets of ten, 1c
to 10c, like the National Parks;
16% would like sets of from 1c to
5c; while the remaining 16%
would take sets in other combina-
tions of values.

Summing up on the set matter
this is how it looks:—

88% are in favor of the Post Of-
fice Department issuing sets.

90.6% are in favor of having a
set at least once a year.

80.4% are in favor of having
three to five in the set.

68% would like a set of the 2c,
3c, 6c and 8c of which 29% would
go so far as a set from 1c to 10c.

If these figures aren't decisive
and mandatory enough even for
men who must tread cautiously,
I don't know what else can be
done.

The ballots will remain at this
office for consultation by any
qualified person if the above fig-
ures need to be verified by them.

With many of the ballots came
notes and letters, excerpts from
which are reproduced below.
There are some pithy comments
which I think are worth printing.

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373 2c Carmine	3.50	7.00	14.00
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384 2c Carmine	.15	.30	.65
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ous portraits, his birthplace, Lin-
coln Memorial, the Lincoln Tomb
in Springfield, etc. would be nice,
say 6 to 8 values in all..... It's
too bad that the idea of artists
choosing designs was such a flop.
As I understand it, the Ticonde-
roga was the artists' choice.....
During Jim Farley's time there
were some nice sets. What's wrong
with the thinking of our postal
officials concerning sets today?
..... I would like to vote the
Ticonderoga issue the most horri-
ble stamp ever issued by the
United States and maybe the
whole world..... The Art Acade-
my is the Worst Design. In the
foreground is shown what appears
to be a dead turkey hanging limply
over a box—in the center is a
large pot-bellied individual with a
dour expression on his face. His
right hand upholds a large funeral
drap and the left hand is opened
as if to offer an invitation to en-
ter the crypt exposed in the back-
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In this final quartet are a 50 prutas turquoise with the emblem of Dan (Plate No. 95); 120pr olive, Issachar (Pl. No. 99); 200pr dark green, Joseph (Pl. No. 101); 250pr gray, Benjamin, (Pl. No. 102).

They were designed by G. Hamori of Tel Aviv and printed in the Government Printery on watermarked paper, by photo-gravure. Each sheet consists of 100 stamps with ten descriptive tabs adjacent to the bottom row.



To note the Eighth Anniversary of the Proclamation of the State of Israel, and Memorial Day, a 150pr commem is to be released in April. The four-color design, blue, green, dark brown and yellow, is the work of M. and G. Shamir. It is symbolical of the completion of the eight years of independence.

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In May will come a 300pr commem in tribute to the Fourth International Congress of Mediterranean Citrus Growers. The stamp pictures a kind of orange grown in Israel, the work of M. and G. Shamir.

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BAHRAIN'S postal history commences in 1884 with the establishment of a branch office of the Indian Postal Service which also ran similar post offices in Aden and other points in Arabia. Regular stamps of India were therefore in use until the first distinct Bahrain issue made its appearance on August 10, 1933. (Many specialists like to hunt for Indian stamps "used abroad" which can be distinguished by the postmarks only.) Shortly prior to Indian independence, on April 1, 1948, postal control passed to the British Postal Administration. All stamps of Bahrain are overprints with the exception of Scott #91, 1 1/2 anna carmine with portrait of the ruler, which is valid only for local use, apparently to bolster the sheik's prestige with his subjects. Thus we find that all items prior to 1948 are overprints on Indian stamps, after that on British stamps.

A complete collection of Bahrain, either mint or used, offers no unsurmountable problems. There are only 96 stamps in all, consisting of one King George V set, not less than four different King George VI, the recent Queen Elizabeth II issue, as well as the customary Silver Wedding, Olympic Games, UPU and QEII Coronation commemoratives.

The first KGV issue, most of which appeared during the early days of World War II, is the best and most intriguing of the lot. Not only the top values are sound, but the 4, 8 and 12 anna values are good property, too. Its 25 Rupees top value, the highest denomination ever issued in Bahrain, has produced a wide difference of opinion between the various catalogue editors.

A cancelled copy is quoted at \$9.10 by Gibbons, \$7.50 by Scott, \$7.35 in the "Commonwealth" catalogue and a surprisingly low \$3.75 in the new Minkus. On the basis of London quotations, it would seem that this stamp is an outstanding buy at the Minkus quotation. Scott's policy of roughly equal prices for mint and used reflects the actual market in the United States, while used copies sell for slightly more than their mint counterparts in England.

Many of Bahrain's stamps were issued in quantities of less than 100,000; of Scott #61A only 16,460 were sold; of #63 only 21,984. There are two major errors: #81A with "1/2" omitted, of which only part of a single sheet was sold over the counter, the balance of the sheet returned to London for destruction. The other error is of particular interest to "Sports" topicalists: #64, the lowest value of the Olympic set exists with clean double overprint, only one sheet known.

These two errors sell between \$150 and \$175 each. One of the most astonishing aspects of local conditions is that Persia has never relinquished its nominal 17th century claim to Bahrain and does not recognize the British position in any of the other Persian Gulf sheik-

doms either. Consequently, a letter franked with Bahrain stamps will be treated as unstamped in Persia — and postage due collected from the recipient!

Australia's Postmaster General Davidson advises that a group of three or four stamps featuring Australian flora, possibly in two or three colors, is contemplated for 1956/57. The probable format will be that of the present QEII 1/0 1/2 stamp.

In view of the rapidly increasing use of the 6 1/2d value for airmail letters within Australia, it is proposed to utilize for this denomination a design significant of communications by air. The "Royal Flying Doctor Service" is also being considered as a stamp design subject, as a Christmas stamp, possibly in time for the December 1957 holiday.

The present 1/2d and 2d KGV values will eventually be replaced by new stamps with portrait of the present sovereign, so that all denominations from 1/2d through 3 1/2d will bear the Queen's likeness. See you next week!

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Had a most wonderful week-end visiting the William Hornadges of Dubbo, New South Wales, a Philatelic bright spot down here in Australia since it's the seat of the Commonwealth's famed Seven Seas Stamp Co. so well-known to readers of Linn's through the many big ads the firm has been running the past couple of years. Mr. Hornadge and I had been in correspondence over phantasies for ages and, when he learned that we were coming to Australia he invited us to join him in a crocodile hunt. That didn't prove possible, but we ultimately reached interior New South Wales and that's when the visit came in.



The Hornadges - Linden, Kerrie, Jean and William

Mr. Hornadge, a youngish man, was for quite some time an Australian journalist and editor. His charming wife is a Queensland girl and they met while he was editing a paper near the New South Wales-Queensland border. They were married 13 years back and have two vivacious little daughters, Kerrie going on 11, and Linden, aged 5.

He had collected stamps from boyhood and began dealing in them on the side and some five years back left the journalistic field and became a fulltime dealer, employing the name "Seven Seas Stamp Company."

In this short time he has built up on of the really important philatelic houses of our time, accumulating a huge stock and concentrating on mass approvals, packet making, offers of sets heavy in novelties and wholesale transactions with other stamp merchandisers throughout the world. His firm likewise manufactures chlorophyll hinges and publishes a series of graded albums for juveniles and medium collectors as well as *The Stamp News*, a tabloid monthly sold on newstands throughout the Pacific area and having a large subscription list.

The firm occupies half of the second floor of a spacious office building at 105-107 Macquarie St. in the heart of the city, and maintains a bulk warehouse on Cobra St. near the edge of town. Mr. Hornadge directs all of the company's affairs and edits *The Stamp News*, with Norman Piper, who earlier built up an important stamp business in Cassilis, NSW, as stock control officer, keeping track of the hundreds of millions of stamps on hand.

A highly-efficient staff includes Mrs. Woolacott, in charge of the

Seven Seas retail department, Mrs. King who handles the packet stock, Mrs. Ignorek and Mrs. Grant who manufacture and package the hinges, Mrs. Hayman, the accountant, and Toy Coleman, who makes herself generally useful about the office.

The Hornadge firm assembles a wide range of packets which are marketed through the Woolworth and Coles chains and under its own label in book, hobby and variety stores throughout the country. The range of packets is very extensive, they are put up in large, colorful envelopes, and are excellent values. They are assembled by large numbers of aged and invalid people throughout the city and by several New Australian (recent immigrant) families! The weekend I was there current production was passing 40,000 packets a week. This certainly keeps Mr. Piper on the jump for such steady demand eats up even the largest reserves and he must ever be on the alert to secure replenishments and new supplies the world around. As for the wholesale end of things, the firm was filling a routine order of 170,000 sets of the current Australian zoological set, 1/2d through 1 shilling, while I was there—dealer specializing in junior approvals in three countries, the USA, England and Belgium, needed them. Literally almost anything Commonwealth, the high shilling values alone excepted, is available by the 100,000 copies or more. All of which calls for incessant combing of the market for as Mr. Hornadge put it, "We can sell anything. The only problem is getting supplies in sufficient quantity." Nearly a million Vatican stamps just in gave emphasis to this.

You'd be surprised at the many original sources of supply the firm has developed—suffice it to say that a heavy proportion of the stamps salvaged throughout the Commonwealth end up in its stock. So huge have the firm's operations become that a new, large plant is being opened on the edge of town, with a highly efficient layout saving running back and forth and unnecessary motions. It should be well under way by April when Mr. Hornadge is coming to the USA to attend FIPEX and to meet many of the fellow-professionals he has been carrying on business with in recent years.

Asked whether he intended to enter the USA packet market, Mr. Hornadge smiled and said, "Well, that would be interesting, wouldn't it?"

His hinge-making machine was unlike any I'd ever seen—a sort of Rube Goldberg contraption—but it certainly delivers the goods. It's the only one of its kind in existence.

The Hornadges have a lovely old home some distance out, with lots of room for the girls to play, and they have a wonderful array of equipment in the way of swings, a slippery dip (slide), sand boxes and what have you. On one occasion they had me back there playing cricket, and if I didn't master the game in short time, it certainly wasn't the girls' fault—they were eager enough to initiate me into its mysteries!

Kerrie had, for the second consecutive year, just topped her class in grades, and both of the girls have very keen minds. Maybe that's why they are avid stamp collectors with first claim on the stamps on daddy's mail!

The Hornadge home is lined with books of every kind and description, but heavy on philosophical works and travel accounts. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hornadge are omnivorous readers and with "no stamp work at home" the rule, they certainly get a lot of reading

in. Mr. Hornadge is an enthusiastic Rotarian and had booked me for a talk before the local branch. Like many Australians, the Hornadges spend the summer Christmas vacation at the beach and were recently in New Zealand on a longer holiday.

Mrs. Hornadge's meals are "out of this world" and if I'd have stayed even a day longer, I'd most certainly have had to get out the little calories booklet upon departure. We drove all around Dubbo and the surrounding country and had an enjoyable trip to the famed Wellington caves, some thirty miles through pleasant countryside to the south.

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NEW HEBRIDES

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Vila, Burns, Philp & Co. had contracts to carry mails between Sydney and Vila, and also conducted a subsidized inter-island steamer service. In this latter service, following the discontinuance of the Australian New Hebrides Company local stamps, the use of New South Wales stamps was also required, but from time to time resident questioned the authority of the Company to require the use of stamps in an area outside Australian jurisdiction, with the result that after a few years considerable laxity was evident and postage on inter-island letters was rarely collected.

Burns, Philp & Co. consulted with the Department in 1905 regarding the matter and suggested that if it issued local stamps, as its predecessor, the Australian New Hebrides Company, had done the position might be overcome satisfactorily. However, the Department took a different view, despite the lack of direct jurisdiction, and decided that the rate of postage (2d per 1/2 oz.) which had been fixed for all letters from Australia to places in the New Hebrides (and from the New Hebrides to places in Australia) should also be charged on letters conveyed by mail steamers subsidized by the Commonwealth Government between the various islands of the group served by such steamers.

This decision effectually settled the question and therefore the postage requirement was enforced by Burns, Philp & Co. through ships' officers responsible for the carriage of inter-island mails.

The Condominium Post Office came into being on October 1, 1908, but its first distinctive stamps were not issued until December 1, 1908. The Condominium authorities recognized, by decree, the validity of New South Wales and New Caledonian stamps for all postage purposes during the two months' interim but at the same time specified that such recognition ceased on and from the date of the first Condominium issue (December 1, 1908).

Local Postage Stamps of the Australasian New Hebrides Co.

As passing reference has been made to local stamps issued by the Australasian New Hebrides Company in 1897 it is convenient to complete this study by a short account of these issues.

The Manager of the Australasian New Hebrides Company approached the New South Wales Postmaster-General early in 1897 in regard to local stamps which were about to be introduced for use in the New Hebrides group. The Company indicated that up to then it had carried mails on its inter-island service free of charge and because of this factor not a great deal of time could be devoted to the safe delivery of letters.

The Company explained that to overcome this aspect it had decided to make a charge to cover the carriage of letters amongst the islands and the handling time involved. The charge was to be 1d for every letter not over 1/2 oz. and 1d for each additional 1/2 oz. and it was expected to put this arrangement in force on and after May 1, 1897. The charge would be indicated in the form of a postage stamp.

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"The Sydney and Inter-Island steamers meet at Port Vila. There is, of course, a considerable number of letters to and from Sydney which have to be sorted at Port Vila for the different islands, and letters from the islands made up for Sydney. Up to the present it has been the rule, which has been insisted upon, that senders of letters should pay 2 1/2d per half ounce and these letters are carried on the Company's steamers to Sydney and handed over to your authorities directly upon arrival of the vessel."

"From this you will see that the New South Wales authorities reap the whole benefit of the postage whilst we receive nothing, and what I wish to bring before you is that letters bearing the Company's stamps from the Hebrides to New South Wales should be carried to their destination by you on the payment by us to you of any proportion of the postage that may be due for the carriage to such destination. "As our steamer carries the letters from the Hebrides to Sydney, and they are carried 'gratis' the senders should only either put on the 1d stamp for Sydney or 2d for letters going to a country town. Therefore this would leave us for our carriage the difference."

"Again I might point out that letters posted in Sydney are carried by our Sydney steamer to Port Vila and up to the present have been carried throughout the Islands free. With the new arrangement coming into force, there would, of course, be an Inter-Island charge for the delivery of your letters, 1d for every half ounce or part thereof. "This would make the through charge to destination on any of your letters 3 1/2d and we feel certain that you would not care to have the extra charge made, preferring to have the letter carried to destination with the original amount of postage thereon, and whilst on the question I bring this matter under your notice."

"Provided that you can see your way to meet us in the above matter, we will of course, add to our present issue a stamp of the value of 2 1/2d for letters coming to Sydney."

The Company's proposal was considered by the Department and it was advised as follows:—

"Referring to your communication of the 3rd instant, respecting postage on correspondence for the New Hebrides, and to your suggestion that letters bearing the stamps issued by your Company be carried to their destination by this Department on payment by the Company of any proportion of this postage that may be due for such service, I am directed to point out that the mail matter carried between this Colony and the New Hebrides is small, being only about 241 letters per mail, most of which letters were for foreign places, and as this Department at present allows your Company the sum of £50 a year for the distribution of correspondence, it is thought that this sum, added to the money paid for conveyance of mails by vessels, is quite as much as the limited correspondence justifies."

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3. Express and Travelers Checks are acceptable in payment for stamps.

4. Notice of new stamp issues are always made by Postal Notifications and circular letters. However to facilitate sales to collectors overseas an up-to-date catalog, giving all denominations of stamps available at the Philatelic Division, will be printed.

5. The Philatelic Division welcomes inquiries. These will be answered promptly and the postage will be borne by the Chinese postal administration.

6. For all philatelic information write to Supply Department, Directorate General of Posts, Taipei, Taiwan.

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During the past ten years, postal history exhibits have been receiving increasing philatelic recognition by gaining major awards in important international exhibitions.

At FIPEX, there will be displays depicting the handling of U. S. mail by the famous Overland Pony Express during the hazardous days of Indian warfare on the Western Plains. Others will portray the difficulties encountered by the Confederacy in providing a new postal system during the Civil War.

Still others will show the history of the development of postal service before the advent of adhesive stamps, by means of postal markings on letters.

Outstanding in the foreign postal history field are the pioneering postal developments in the Republic of Venetia, and in Great Britain. The 15th and 16th century posts of Venetia were the forerunners of the long-entrenched and extensive Thurn and Taxis postal routes in Europe.

Not to be overlooked are the ever-popular and colorful British Mulready envelopes and caricature covers, as well as the contemporary ornate pictorial envelopes. They depicted the political and social problems of the British people more than a century ago, particularly their reaction to the introduction of the penny post.

Some students of postal history believe that the tremendous and widespread use of patriotic covers during the American Civil War was prompted by the preceding employment of pictorial covers in Great Britain. These showed the social, economic and political trials experienced by a nation in turmoil during the devastating period of a long war.

The interesting facets of history that can be depicted by a study of used envelopes or enclosures and their markings are endless. Such material actually records many important developments and incidents, no doubt providing the stimulus that has caused so many specialists in philately to branch out from the collecting of adhesives or stamps and embrace the study of postal history.

Without doubt the great Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition will have a more imposing display of such historical material than any previous international philatelic exhibition.

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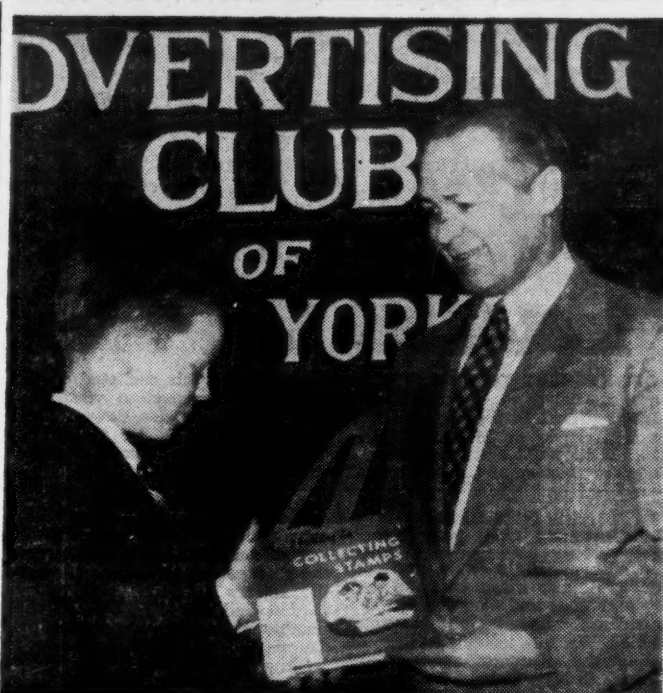
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Telecommunications Topicals Win Award

Herbert Rosen, author of the famous stamp book "Radio Philately" has once again been honored with an award for his stamp collection on telecommunications—radio, television, telegraphy and telephony—which depicts the history of this topic exclusively through the medium of postage stamps.

A silver plaque was awarded his collection by the Bom-Topex Stamp Exhibition, held at the Jehangir Gallery in Bombay, India February 20-24.



RECOGNIZE THESE TWO PEOPLE? The tall one is Ernest A. Kehr, stamp editor of the New York Herald-Tribune and author of a new book for the beginning collector, "My Hobby Is Collecting Stamps". He is presenting a copy to George Wright the lad who won \$100,000 on the Big Surprise TV program some weeks ago. George's brother is a stamp collector which nearness to the hobby prompted his own interest. He is one of some 30 members of the Madison Square Boys' Club which the Advertising Club of New York City sponsor to a summer camp each year. The picture was snapped at the Advertising Club on Park Ave.



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DOUBLE LINE CATALOG.

Have just had the opportunity to examine the fifth edition of the Double Line electro catalog. This is one of the finest fields of precancel collecting. In fact I feel that this group is right next to the Bureau Print issues.

Double lines have all the attributes of an ideal type of collection. There are many common varieties that appear in mixtures and accumulations; there are many that are medium scarce and then there are enough that will make you search.

The next nice point is that such a collection is not too large nor is it too small. Either extreme often discourages a collector. I don't have figures available now but I don't believe the total available is near the Bureau Print total.

This new catalog has several important features not found in previous editions. The finest of these is the illustration of each type after the city name. The collector knows exactly what he is looking for.

One feature I like is the new arrangement of the compound issues. Instead of breaking them up in the order they were issued they are listed just as they should be mounted in a collection. This is carried out also with the replacement values the 1½c Front Face Harding, the 3c Stuart and the 4c Taft. The 1½c was released first, then the Stuart, then the Taft but no collector that I have ever seen mounted them that way.

A collector can take this catalog and lay out his collection just in the order the stamps are listed and don't need to expect too much changing to be done afterwards. Of course it is always wise to allow a few spaces here and there for unlisted items, plate breaks or other errors that might come up.

The types from which this catalog is compiled are known as U-14, U-15, and U-16 with one or two others that do not fit this description. All are government supplied plates and are all press printed. There are a few other types that have double lines but these are NOT government supplied and are strictly locals. There are a few handstamp types with double lines but these are not included in this catalog.

This is a very fine catalog edited by a man who spent a tremendous amount of time on this edition. He is Dr. G. C. Mynchenberg of Elyria, Ohio. He was assisted by Edgar Hissrich of Pittsburgh, Pa., and of course many collectors and state editors. The book sells for \$2 and is available from all leading precancel dealers or the publishers, Gilbert W. Noble of Findlay, Ohio, (202 Sherman Drive).

BUREAU PRINT ERRORS.
Albert Hoffman of Baltimore,

Md. has submitted two 1½c FF Bureau coils of Baltimore each seemingly having an error. The first item seems to have a "D" in place of the "B" in Baltimore, the other a "C" in place of the "B" in Baltimore. Both are products of broken an worn plates and are NOT errors. If there were errors in this plate it would have been seen and verified long before now because every major error has been verified by examination of the plates.

A good glass on both of these stamps showed traces of the original letter "B", but a casual glance does really lead you to believe that both might be errors. Anyway that is the fun of collecting because some day you might find a real ERROR. Also if I was the owner of these stamps I would put them in my collection anyway to add variety and novelty to it.

RIVERSIDE, NEW MEXICO

Mrs. Barbara Marsh of San Diego, Calif. writes me that there are two communities in New Mexico that have the local name of Riverside. Either can conceivably in time be an incorporated village and have an established post office. The original Riverside of New Mexico was discontinued some twenty years ago.

This situation parallels the one here in OHIO where the villages of Fairfield and Osborn were united to form the city of Fairborn, Ohio. Then about ten years later a new FAIRFIELD was incorporated as a city some thirty or so miles south of the original village of Fairfield.

Mrs. Marsh wonders just how the catalog publishers will handle such matters if any of these new places should issue precancels. As of now there is no probability of such a thing happening, but it still is a possibility.

Spaulding President At Springfield, Ill.

Philip Spaulding is the new president of the Springfield, Ill. Philatelic Society. His fellow officers are vice president Arthur Faucon, and secretary-treasurer Florence Hill, 832 S. Fourth St., Springfield, Ill.

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CHINA (Formosa). Advice has been received that a set of stamps and a souvenir sheet are to be issued in commemoration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Postal Service. The first day of issue is to be March 20. No details as to designs or colors have been received.

CUBA. Nine different stamp issues have thus far been announced for the year by this country. Two stamps marking the 50th Anniversary of postal service in Cuba have been issued on March 1. Values are 4c postage and 12c airmail; stamps are to be issued June 20 for the 1955 Communications Retirement Fund. Values are 2c, 4c, 10c, 14c postage; 8c 12c and 30c airmail; and a 10c special delivery.

On July 24, two stamps, values 4c and 12c. A five value airmail set, Children's stamps, will be issued August 14. Values: 4c, 8c, 12c, 24c and 30c. In honor of the Virgin of Charity of El Cobre, two stamps will be issued on September 8. Values to be 4c and 12c. To commemorate their Independence from Spain and the Revolution of "El Grito de Yara", a 4c stamp is to be issued on October 10.

To honor Benjamin Franklin, a 12c airmail stamp is to be issued on October 23. The 1956 Tuberculosis stamp, 1c value will be issued on November 1. The last announced set is to be issued on December 4 for the 1956 Communications Retirement set. The set will consist of eight values, four postage, 2c, 4c, 10c, and 14c, three airmails, 8c, 12c and 30c and a 10c special delivery stamp.

FINLAND. The Director General of Posts advises that on March 4 a 30mk stamp picturing a Church in a rural community was issued, as part of a three value set commemorating the "Jubilee Year". The other two values are 35mk and 30mk. To mark the centenary of Finnish stamps and the International Philatelic Exhibition which is to be held from July 7 to 15, a 25mk stamp will be issued.

FRANCE. In memory of Col. Driant, 1855-1916, a single 15 franc in blue, was issued on February 21. It has a portrait of Col. Driant at the left and a war scene to the right.

ITALY. To commemorate the visit of President Gronchi to the United States and Canada, the 50 lire value of the "Italia" set has been revalued to 120 Lire and also overprinted in blue with the year "1956" and the inscription "Visita del Presidente della Repubblica negli U.S.A./e nel Canada". The stamp was placed on sale on February 26.

MONACO. An eight value set is to be issued on April 19 to mark the wedding on that date of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier. The set will be on sale for only one day and will consist of five postage values, 1 franc, 2fr, 3fr, 5fr, and 15fr, and three airmail values, 100, 200 and 500fr.

NETHERLANDS. In commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt, a five value set featuring five of his famous paintings is to be issued. No details as to colors, designs or date have been announced.

Germany "Building Series" Study Group

The stamps of the "Building Series" (1948) of Germany are the interest of a newly formed Research and Study Group. A project of the Germany Philatelic Society, this group works in close cooperation with a similar one in Germany and issues a bulletin in the English language containing information about varieties of these interesting stamps.

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Topical Flavor To China Four

The 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the modern Chinese Postal Service is to be noted by the Republic of China, situated on Formosa, with a set of four stamps which will have topical appeal. First day of issue is March 20.



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